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SUBJ: SOVIETS GREET SOUTH VIETNAMESE "LIBERATION"

1. PRAVDA (MAY 2) FRONT-PAGES A TELEGRAM FROM BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY AND KOSYGIN TO PRG LEADERS NGUYEN HU THO AND KHUYN TAN PHAT (PHONETIC) EXPRESSING MOSCOW'S "MOST HEARTFELT AND FRATERNAL CONGRATULATIONS" ON THE "LIBERATION" OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE MESSAGE NOTED THE FALL OF SAIGON, THE LAST STRONGHOLD OF THE "PUPPET REGIME" WHICH HAD ALLEGEDLY "TRAMPLED" ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

2. PRAVDA (MAY 29) ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO ITS VIETNAMESE EQUIVALENT, PRASING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S SUCCESSES AGAINST "FOREIGN  
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OPPRESSORS" AND HAILING THE FAILURE OF "IMPERIALIST INTER-

VENTION AND AGGRESSION."

3. IN OTHER COVERAGE, SOVIET MEDIA REPORTED THE FALL OF SAIGON WITH OBVIOUS ENTHUSIASM, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET OFFERED DIRECT COMMENT. IZVESTIYA (APRIL 30) CARRIED A TASS ITEM FROM NEW YORK ON SAIGON'S ALLEGED "WELCOME" TO THE "LIBERATORS," AND CONCLUDED THAT THE "LIQUIDATION OF THE SAIGON REGIME" IS A STEP TOWARD PEACE IN THE REGION. PRAVDA (MAY 1) CARRIED SIMILAR TASS ITEMS FROM HANOI ON THE PRG'S TAKEOVER AND ON HANOI'Z THANKS FOR SOVIET AND OTHER SUPPORT.

4. THE U.S. HAS BEEN TREATED WITH RESTRAINT IN THE COVERAGE THUS FAR. THE SAIGON EVACUATION WAS REPORTED IN SOME DETAIL, BUT WITHOUT ABUSE. AND THE TASS ITEM (PRAVDA, MAY 1) ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APRIL 30 PRESS CONFERENCE POINTEDLY NOTED THE SECRETARY'S AFFIRMATION THAT THERE ARE PRACTICAL REASONS FOR SEEKING FURTHER SOVIET-US COOPERATION, DESPITE OBVIOUS IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES.  
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